

Office Action Summary (For use in the First Action Interview Pilot Program)	Application No. 10/764,569	Applicant(s) MOTOYAMA ET AL.	
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This time period for reply is extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for only ONE additional MONTH. This communication constitutes notice under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(1)(i).

☐ Applicant's request to not have a first-action interview is acknowledged.

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1/15/2009 and interview conducted on 2/25/2009.
 2) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 3) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 10-13, 18-22 is/are pending in the application.
 3a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 4) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 10-13, 18-22 is/are rejected.
 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 8) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 9) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 10) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 11) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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 4) ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) ☐ Other: _____

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Notification of Rejection(s) and/or Objection(s)

#	Claim(s)	Reference(s) (if applicable)	Rejection Statutory Basis	Brief Explanation of Rejection
1	10-13		101	Claim 10 recites "means for" doing specific steps of a method. Since no explicit disclosure of the means is found in the specification, these means can be software instructions or protocol instructions, rendering the claim(s) non-statutory (see continuation)
2	18-22		101	Claim 18 recites "a computer program product having a computer usable medium..., comprising... instructions." A computer program product comprising instructions can be software, per se, and is therefore non-statutory. (see continuation)
3	1-5, 10-13, 18-22	Dorland, Krishnamoorthy	103	For claim 1, Dorland discloses a method of managing information related to at least one monitored device communicatively coupled to a network, comprising: (see continuation)

Expanded Discussion/Commentary

1		(see, e.g., specification fig. 23, code sequence for means for selecting a communication protocol) for doing the specific steps.
2		A computer usable medium, being undefined in the specification, can be read as a transmission medium such as transmission wires, cables or even wireless media, propagating signals waves, and is therefore non-statutory.
3		selecting a communication protocol among a plurality of communication protocols used to extract status information from the at least one monitored device ([0019], lines 1-10, SNMP, FTP, and HTTP); retrieving, from a first memory, by a protocol object associated with the selected communication protocol, vendor and model information of the at least one monitored device, obtaining a vendor name and a model name ([0033], lines 1-4, [0026], table on page 5 right column, model and vendor ID, reading configuration including a vendor ID and a model ID)
3		determining if the descriptive string is present in a second memory; and if the determining step determines that the descriptive string is not present in the second memory, storing the descriptive string in the second memory in association with the protocol object ([0032] lines 1-4, [0036], an e-integration manager is a central management system that receives and synchronizes management data received from the e-managers). Dorland does not disclose creating a descriptive string using the obtained vendor name and the obtained model name.
3		However, Krishnamoorthy discloses a data structure having a vendor ID and a product ID (fig. 11, [0045]). It would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Dorland and Krishnamoorthy to establish device classes using vendor and product ID or name to efficiently distinguish among different device categories. Claims 10 and 18 are rejected for the same rationale as in claim 1.
3		Buling on the rejection of claims 1, 10 and 18. Claims 2, 11, 19 (Krishnamoorthy, fig. 11, separator). Claims 3, 20 (Dorland, [0019], lines 1-10). Claims 4, 12, 21 (Dorland, fig. 4, table on p. 5). Claims 5, 13, 22 (Dorland, [0019] lines 1-10)
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